

Department for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

5. **Mr. P. R. Godavarma Raja** (*Ldavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the department for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts has been transferred to the control of the Travancore University ;

(b) if so, when was it transferred ;

(c) who is the present head of the department and what is his designation ;

(d) whether the present head of the department has any academic qualifications for the work ;

(e) whether any new work has been published by the department since the transfer of the department to the University ; and

(f) whether any new work is ready for publication ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (a) Yes.

(b) 28th Dhanu 1115.

(c) Vaidyasastranipuna Dr. L. A. Ravi Varma, Honorary Director, Oriental Manuscripts Library.

(d) He is an Oriental Scholar though he has not taken a degree in Oriental Studies.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Malayalam Lexicon.

6. **Mr. P. R. Godavarma Raja** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to publish a Malayalam Lexicon by the University.

(b) if so who is in charge of the same ;

(c) whether any committee has been constituted to assist him in the work ;

(d) how long will it take to complete the work ; and

(e) the probable cost of the same ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (a) Yes.

(b) Details regarding the scheme have not been settled.

(c), (d) and (e) Do not arise in view of answer to part (b)

Publication of the Acts and Proclamations of Travancore by Government.

9. **Mr. P. R. Godavarma Raja** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to publish an authoritative edition of the Proclamations and Acts of Travancore directly by the Government ;

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- (b) who is entrusted with the work ;
- (c) how many volumes are necessary to bring them up-to-date ;
- (d) whether any volume is ready for publication ;
- (e) the total cost the work may involve ; and
- (f) the probable cost of each volume ?

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai : (a) There was such a proposal and a provision of Rs. 10,000 as the first instalment of the cost involved in the work was made in the budgets for 1115 and 1116 ; but owing to the increase in the price of paper on account of war conditions, the proposal has not yet materialised.

(b) and (d) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) About four or five volumes may be necessary.

(e) At the time the proposal was made the cost was estimated at about Rs. 50,000.

(f) This can be known only after each volume is published.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President : I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "the situation created by the proposal of the Government of Burma to impose duty on rice exported from Burma." Mr. Anantasiva Aiyar has given notice of this motion. I regret that it is not possible for me to admit it because there is correspondence now pending between the Government of India and this Government on this very matter. I may, however, assure the House and through this House the country at large, that the minds of the Government of Travancore are greatly exercised over this question. The question whether it is possible for the Government of Burma, which so long as it remained a portion of British India was not entitled to levy such duties, to impose a duty now that it has been separated, is a question which arises incidentally. But, quite apart from what may be called the legal aspect of it, other aspects have also been pressed very strongly ; and all that I can say, whilst I am not able to allow discussion of a subject which is under correspondence with the Government of India, is that honourable members may be satisfied that this Government are doing all they can to deal with the situation which they concede is a difficult one. I therefore disallow the motion.